

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Throughout the world, abuse and neglect of older persons has been largely under-recognized or under-treated as an unspoken problem. Today, it is increasingly being seen as a significant problem but may also be likely to grow as many countries experience rapidly aging populations. Friends and neighbors who suspect that abuse is happening may be reluctant to get involved. The abuse will not stop until this silence is broken.

Break the Silence Workshop

When: Friday, June 13, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Where: TMC's El Dorado Sr Campus
1400 N. Wilmot Rd

Presentations on Elder Abuse recognition, reporting and prevention from:

- Pima Council on Aging – an overview of the growing problem
- Adult Protective Services – how to identify and report abuse.
- The Arizona Attorney General's Office – Scams and Identity Theft
- The Pima County Police Elder Abuse Task Force, - Financial Exploitation
- The Elder Shelter and Later Life Domestic Violence Services, - what to do if the perpetrator is a family member.
- United Way's Senior Financial Education Project
- Tucson Medical Center's Senior Services – what services are available that may help.

Call to the public: Speak out about your experience with elder abuse, neglect or exploitation. Tell us about how you or loved ones were impacted by this growing problem.

Elder Abuse includes:

Physical abuse/Sexual abuse
Emotional or psychological abuse
Financial or material exploitation
Neglect and Self-neglect/Abandonment

Report Neglect, Abuse or Financial Exploitation

- **For Emergencies dial 911**
- **Adult Protective Services:** to report abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult. Statewide Hotline (877)767-2385
- **Pima County Elder Abuse Task Force:** to report crimes against the elderly (520) 791-5909
- **The Arizona Attorney General's office** to report consumer or civil rights complaints. (800) 352-8431.
- **AZ DHS, Division of Licensing** for complaints about care in a licensed facility (520) 628-6965
- **Later Life Domestic Violence Services, of ARC** – to get help and support for victims of late life domestic violence, elder shelter Crisis line (520) 566-1919
- **Pima Council on Aging Help line** for information on what to do and who to call (520) 790-7262

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